

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A liquid type image forming apparatus comprising:

a latent image carrier ~~for carrying~~ configured to carry a latent image;

a developing device ~~for developing~~ configured to develop the latent image on the latent image carrier into a visualized image by a liquid developer containing a toner in a carrier liquid; ~~and~~

a primary transfer device ~~for electrostatically transferring~~ configured to electrostatically and intermediately transfer the visualized image ~~on a recording body after the visualized image on the latent image carrier is intermediately transferred onto an intermediate transfer body~~ onto an intermediate transfer body; ~~and~~

a secondary transfer device configured to electrostatically transfer the visualized image on the intermediate transfer body onto a recording body, wherein

a fluorine compound is contained in at least a surface of said intermediate transfer body, ~~and~~

a heating device ~~for heating~~ configured to heat the intermediate transfer body is provided, ~~and~~

the heating device is disposed at a downstream side of the secondary transfer device and an upstream side of the primary transfer device and is thereby configured to heat the intermediate transfer body at a position after the visualized image has been transferred onto the recording body and before another visualized image is intermediately transferred from the latent image carrier.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The liquid type image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said intermediate transfer body includes an elastic layer which has a material of urethane resin and a surface layer which contains the fluorine compound.

Claim 4 (Original): The liquid type image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said surface layer includes conductivity.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The liquid type image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said elastic ~~surface~~ layer includes conductivity.

Claim 6 (Original): The liquid type image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said heating device has a heating roller which is heated from a heat source disposed internally and rotates with contacting to said intermediate transfer body.

Claim 7 (Original): The liquid type image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said heating device heats said intermediate transfer body without contacting thereto.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The liquid type image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said heating device makes a heating belt, which is moved endlessly, contact onto said intermediate transfer body ~~with~~ while receiving a heat transfer from a heat source.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The liquid type image forming apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said heating roller is a pressing roller for pressing a recording body, in which ~~a~~ the visualized image is transferred from said intermediate transfer body, toward the intermediate transfer body.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:

- an image carrier ~~for carrying~~ configured to carry an electrostatic latent image;
- a developing device ~~for developing~~ configured to develop the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier by using a liquid developer which is made of a carrier liquid and a toner containing at least resin and pigment;
- a primary transfer device ~~for transferring~~ configured to transfer an image on the latent image carrier onto an intermediate transfer body; and
- a secondary transfer device ~~for transferring an~~ configured to transfer the image on the intermediate transfer body onto a transfer member, wherein
- a device ~~for eliminating~~ configured to eliminate a substance on an intermediate transfer body and having a form roller which has a surface roughness rougher than a surface of the intermediate transfer body is provided, and the substance on the intermediate transfer body is eliminated by rubbing a ~~the~~ surface of said intermediate transfer body with the form roller.

Claims 11-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus, comprising:

- an image carrier ~~for carrying~~ configured to carry an electrostatic latent image;
- a developing device ~~for developing~~ configured to develop the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier by using a liquid developer which is made of a carrier liquid and a toner at least containing resin and pigment;
- a primary transfer device ~~for transferring~~ configured to transfer an image on the image carrier onto an intermediate transfer body; and

a secondary transfer device ~~for transferring an~~ configured to transfer the image on the intermediate transfer body to a transfer member, wherein

a device ~~for eliminating~~ configured to eliminate a substance on an intermediate transfer body and having a metal blade is provided, and the substance on the intermediate transfer body is eliminated by rubbing a surface of said intermediate transfer body with the metal blade.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image carrier ~~for carrying~~ configured to carry an electrostatic latent image;

a developing device ~~for developing~~ configured to develop the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier by using a liquid developer which is made of a carrier liquid and a toner at least containing resin and pigment;

a primary transfer device ~~for transferring~~ configured to transfer an image on the image carrier onto an intermediate transfer body; and

a secondary transfer device ~~for transferring an~~ configured to transfer the image on the intermediate transfer body to a transfer member, wherein

a device ~~for eliminating~~ configured to eliminate a substance on an intermediate transfer body and having a substance eliminating member which is harder than the resin composing said toner and is softer than a surface of said intermediate transfer body is disposed, and the substance on the intermediate transfer body is eliminated by rubbing the surface of said transfer body with the substance eliminating member.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image carrier ~~for carrying~~ configured to carry an electrostatic latent image;

a developing device ~~for developing~~ configured to develop the electrostatic latent image on the image carrier by using a liquid developer which is made of a carrier liquid and a toner at least containing resin and pigment;

a primary transfer device ~~for transferring~~ configured to transfer an image on the image carrier onto an intermediate transfer body; and

a secondary transfer device ~~for transferring an~~ configured to transfer the image on the intermediate transfer body to a transfer member, wherein

a device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on an intermediate transfer body and which sprays a high temperature vapor to said intermediate transfer body is provided.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on ~~the an~~ intermediate transfer body is provided with a mechanism for cooling an intermediate transfer body for cooling at least the surface of said intermediate transfer body.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on ~~the an~~ intermediate transfer body is provided with a heating mechanism of an intermediate transfer body for heating at least the surface of said intermediate transfer body.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate substance on ~~the an~~ intermediate transfer body is provided with a solvent coating mechanism for dissolving ~~the a~~

resin composing said toner and for adhering a solvent which does not dissolve the surface of said intermediate transfer body to the surface of the intermediate transfer body.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a cleaning member is disposed in a downstream of the device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on the-an intermediate transfer body with respect to a rotation direction of said intermediate transfer body.

Claim 21 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said liquid developer contains liquid type resin in a using environment.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a substance elimination on said intermediate transfer body by said device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on the-an intermediate transfer body is carried out when an image is formed.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a substance elimination on said intermediate transfer body by said device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on the intermediate transfer body is carried out when an image is not formed.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the substance elimination on said intermediate transfer body by said device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on the-an intermediate transfer body is carried out ~~every a~~ at regular time interval intervals.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the substance elimination on the intermediate transfer body by said device ~~for eliminating the~~ configured to eliminate a substance on the an intermediate transfer body is carried out ~~every at~~ a predetermined number of print prints.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 10, wherein ~~the several~~ a plurality of devices for eliminating the configured to eliminate a substance on the an intermediate transfer body ~~are is~~ combined to use.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): ~~An image forming apparatus~~ A method for forming an image comprising the steps of:

primary transferring an image on an image carrier, which is developed by using a liquid developer containing a liquid type resin in a using environment, onto an intermediate transferring ~~device~~ body;

secondary transferring an image on the intermediate transfer body onto a transfer member; and

eliminating a substance on said intermediate transfer body.